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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN-NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND
SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION MEETS

1. APRIL 1 PRESS ANNOUNCED CONCLUSION OF MEETING OF BULGARIAN-NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMISSION AND PUBLISHED PROTOCOL.
2. PROTOCOL CALLS FOR LARGE SCALE PROGRAM OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. BULGARIAN WILL ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING IN NORTH VIETNAM PRODUCTION OF HOIST AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT AND DIRECT CURRENT ELECTRIC DRIVES FOR ELECTRIC TRUCKS. WILL HELP DEVELOP A PROJECT FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF COPPER MINES IN "SIN-QUEN" AND IN BUILDING A COPPER REFINING COMBINE. BOTH COUNTRIES WILL EXPAND THEIR COOPERATION IN THE GROWING AND PROCESSING OF TOBACCO AND OIL PRODUCING CROPS. A SCHEDULE WAS SET FOR COMMISSIONING EIGHT BULGARIAN SPONSORED INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN NORTH VIETNAM THIS YEAR. FINALLY A PROGRAM FOR THE EXPANSION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WAS SET.

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3. PRESS STRESSED THAT SESSION WAS HELD IN SPIRIT

OF FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH IS
CHARACTERISTIC OF RELATIONS BETWEEN BCP AND VIETNAMESE
WORKERS PARTY.

4. COMMENT: NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WAS LEAD BY
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF CC OF VWP, HOANG ANH
AND WAS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TODOROV
AND OTHER HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS BUT NOT ZHIVKOV. IT HAS
LONG BEEN KNOWN THAT BULGARIA HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE AID
TO NORTH VIETNAM AND IT NOW SEEMS THAT IT IS ON THE INCREASE
JUST AT A TIME WHEN BULGARIA'S OWN ECONOMIC SITUATION MAY
BE LESS THAN ROSY WITH INCREASED SOVIET OIL AND OTHER RAW
MATERIAL PRICES AND AGRICULTURAL CROP PROSPECTS NOT TOO
GOOD BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER.
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